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ECOSYSTEMS OVERBURDENED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PRESSURES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ecosystems are overburdened with environmental pressures from commercialization, excessive use of resources and indiscriminate dumping of industrial and agricultural wastes; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) The developmental activities are generally accompanied with use of natural resources and generation of waste if the environmental management measures are not integrated at the planning and design stage.To harmonize development with conservation and protection of environment, various legislative, regulatory and policy measures have been put in place, which include the following :

Notification of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and other related Environment Legislations including the Hazardous Waste (Handling and Management) Rules, 1989 and its amendment;

Notification of industry specific environmental emission and effluent standards;

Notification on Environment Impact Assessment, 2006 for prior environmental clearance.

Adoption of the National Environment Policy, 2006, Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development, 1992 and Policy Statement on Abatement of Pollution, 1992 etc.